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Girls' Day at City Hall stokes young womens' interest in public service careers

More than 150 young women who have an interest in public service will have the opportunity to meet and be inspired by a number of local leaders during the fifth annual **Girls**' **Day at City Hall**, hosted **TOMORROW**, **March 18** by **Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs**.

"The women who come together to act as role models at this event are truly some of the best that Milwaukee has to offer," Alderwoman Coggs said. "But to see them interact with and inspire the next generation of young women in public service is the most rewarding part of this great event."

Among the day's activities are two panel discussions, the first of which, "My Journey to Public Service," will be moderated by Lelah Huntley. The discussion will include panelists Rhonda Kelsey of the City of Milwaukee Department of Administration, Ebony Haynes of the Boys & Girls Club, Nicole Angresano of United Way and Larina Hightower of Butterflyz, LLC.

The second discussion, "The Role of Women in Politics," will be moderated by LaKetta Caldwell and will include panelists Judge Valarie Hill, State Representative LaTonya Johnson and Board of School Directors members Tatiana Joseph and Claire Zautke.

An interactive workshop will focus on leadership development.

Alderwoman Coggs will kick off the event at 9:15 a.m. in the City Hall rotunda, 200 E. Wells St., and the media is invited to attend the opening ceremony. Rhonda Ware, Executive Director of the Alverno College Research Center for Women and Girls, will give opening remarks. Girls who have pre-registered must check in (starting at 8:30 a.m.) prior to the day's sessions.

Event sponsors include the City of Milwaukee, Lena Taylor at the law firm Pitman, Kalkhoff, Sicula & Dentice, Universal Companies and Maures Development Group, LLC.